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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that everyone who has a Developmental Disability (DD) waiver have a valid, comprehensive assessment. DBHDS uses the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult Version® (SIS-A®) to fulfill this requirement for individuals 16 and older. SIS-A is unique in that it measures the support a person needs to be successful in the activity rather than what a person cannot do. The information is then available to develop and inform person-centered plans.

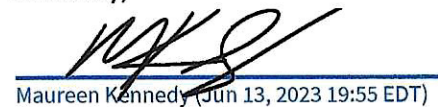
In February 2022, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) announced that SIS-A had been renormed, to include modern language and to gather additional information. Virginia has entered into a contract with Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to begin a year of study to inform the decisions as we move forward to the next version, SIS-A® 2nd Edition. We are excited and committed to work alongside our partners at DMAS and community members.

Beginning June 15, as a part of SIS assessments, SIS Interviewers will start asking the SIS Advance questions. The advance questions reflect the additions to SIS-A 2nd Edition. The answers to these questions will not print on the SIS Family Friendly Report or affect the individual's level and tier. The sole purpose is data collection. The information collected will help inform decisions as we move forward. Right now, our plan is to transition to SIS-A 2nd Edition on June 1, 2024.

Keep up to date on our progress to SIS-A 2nd Edition:

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/waiver-services/>

Sincerely,



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